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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE FAR EAST ROUNDUP

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1. TIMOR: GOP AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE MAJOR VICTOR ALVES DEPARTED LISBON MAY 13 FOR DILI TO PREPARE SUMMIT BETWEEN GOP, FRETILIN, APODETI, AND UDT. SUMMIT WILL FOLLOW CURRENT BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN GOP AND 3 TIMORESE PARTIES (REFTEL. ALVES, ACCOMPANIED BY CDR CAVALEIRO FERREIRA AND MAJOR RODRIQUES COELHO, WILL CONFER IN DILI WITH GOP AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA. DELEGATION ALSO TO MEET WITH FAR EASTERN GOP AMBASSADORS IN BANGKOK BEFORE MAY 22 RETURN TO PORTUGAL.

2. ALVES DEPARTURE COMES ON HEELS OF FRETILIN VICE-PRESIDENT NICOLAU LOBATO'S STATEMENT IN LISBON THAT
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FRETILIN NEVER WILL SIT AT SAME TABLE WITH NEO-COLONIALIST

AND IMPERIALIST PUPPET APODETI REPRESENTATIVES. LOBATO ENROUTE TO GUINEA-BISSAU, ADDIS ABABA, ALGIERS, AND LOURENCO MARQUES FOR TALKS WITH LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN FORMER PORTUGUESE AFRICA AND OAU OFFICIALS.

3. MACAU: COL. GARCIA LEANDRO, GOP GOVERNOR OF MACAU RETURNED TO LISBON MAY 4 FOR FIRST CONSULTATION SINCE HE ASSUMED POST IN NOVEMBER, 1974. HIGHLIGHTS OF NUMEROUS INTERVIEWS WITH LEANDRO BY PORTUGUESE PRESS FOLLOW: (A) MACAU ECONOMY IS SUFFERING FROM LARGE UNPAID DEBTS OWED TERRITORY BY IMPORTERS IN ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE AND GUINEA-BISSAU. ONLY GUINEA-BISSAU HAS BEGN TO LIQUIDATE DEBT. (B) GOP WILL WITHDRAW REMAINING TROOPS FRO MACAU BY JANUARY 1976. (C) BEFORE APRIL 25 ELECTIONS, "THE CHINESE BEGAN TO SHOW A DEFINITE FEAR OF EXCESS INFLUENCE BY PORTUGAL BY THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY, WHICH IS LINKED WITH MOSCOW." (D) SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH LISBON INCLUDE NEW DRAFT FUNDAMENTAL LAW FOR MACAU, RECENT GOP BANK NATIONALIZATIONS, AND NEED FOR EXTERNAL INVESTMENT IN TERRITORY.
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